RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1638

AUG 17 2006

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

SAVERIO CARL FALCO

CASE NO.: BB1167USCNT

APPLICATION NO.: 10/829,432

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

FILED: APRIL 21, 2004

EXAMINER: BUI, PHOUNG T.

CONFIRMATION NO.: 7009

CUSTOMER NO.: 23906

FOR: GENES ENCODING SULFATE ASSIMILATION PROTEINS

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Response to the Final Office Action mailed May 31, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following is submitted in support thereof.

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 1 7 2006

PTC/SB/97 (09-04)
Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Petert and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 USPTO Fax No.: (571) 273-8300 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Date LISA Z. TURNER Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate 302-892-0648 Registration Number, if applicable Telephone Number Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper. 10/829432 BB1167USCNT **RESPONSE AFTER FINAL - 3 PAGES**

> _ of __4 Page

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.8. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.8 minutes to complete, including gethering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Palent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.